

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A silver halide emulsion comprising silver halide grains containing: three or more kinds of transition metal complexes each having a different electron-releasing time respectively classified into any of Class A (100 seconds or more), Class B (more than 1/10 seconds and less than 100 seconds), and Class C (more than 1/1000 seconds and 1/10 seconds or less), in which the silver halide grains have a silver chloride content ratio of 95 mol % or more and a localized silver bromide phase;

wherein the transition metal complex classified into Class C is selected from the group consisting of pentachloroaqua iridium, tetrachloroaqua iridium, pentabromoaqua iridium, tetrabromoaqua iridium, tribromotriaqua iridium, ~~pentachloro(thiazole) iridium,~~ pentachloro(pyridine) iridium, and pentachloro(pyrazine) iridium.

2. (original): The silver halide emulsion as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the localized silver bromide phase contains the transition metal complex classified into Class B.

3. (canceled).

4. (currently amended): A silver halide emulsion comprising silver halide grains containing: three or more kinds of transition metal complexes each having a different electron-releasing time respectively classified into any of Class A (100 seconds or more), Class B (more than 1/10 seconds and less than 100 seconds), and Class C (more than 1/1000 seconds and 1/10

seconds or less), in which the silver halide grains have a silver chloride content ratio of 95 mol % or more and a localized silver iodochloride phase;

wherein the transition metal complex classified into Class C is selected from the group consisting of pentachloroaqua iridium, tetrachloroaqua iridium, pentabromoaqua iridium, tetrabromoaqua iridium, tribromotriaqua iridium, ~~pentachloro(thiazole) iridium,~~ pentachloro(pyridine) iridium, and pentachloro(pyrazine) iridium.

5. (canceled).

6. (original): The silver halide emulsion as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the silver halide grains further have a localized silver iodochloride phase.

7. (original): The silver halide emulsion as claimed in Claim 6, wherein the localized silver bromide phase contains the transition metal complex classified into Class B.

8. (canceled).

9. (previously amended): A silver halide emulsion comprising silver halide grains containing: three or more kinds of transition metal complexes each having a different electron-releasing time respectively classified into any of Class A (100 seconds or more), Class B (more than 1/10 seconds and less than 100 seconds), and Class D (1/1000 seconds or less), in which the silver halide grains have a silver chloride content ratio of 95 mol % or more and a localized silver iodochloride phase.

10. (original): The silver halide emulsion as claimed in Claim 9, wherein the silver halide grains further have a localized silver bromide phase.

11. (original): The silver halide emulsion as claimed in Claim 10, wherein the localized silver bromide phase contains the transition metal complex classified into Class B.

12. (new): The silver halide emulsion as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the transition metal complex classified into Class C is selected from the group consisting of pentachloro(pyridine) iridium and pentachloro(pyrazine) iridium.

13. (new): The silver halide emulsion as claimed in Claim 4, wherein the transition metal complex classified into Class C is selected from the group consisting of pentachloro(pyridine) iridium and pentachloro(pyrazine) iridium.